

SENATE BILL 2478

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 32 and Title 55, relative to driving with an expired license plate or registration sticker.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-32-101, is amended by adding the following subdivision (a)(1)(C):

(C) If a person is charged with operating a motor vehicle upon any highway with an expired license plate, or affixed tab, sticker or other device designed to indicate valid renewal, is dismissed, then all such person's public records of the charge shall automatically be expunged, without cost to such person, and without the necessity of such person petitioning the court for expunction.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-5-114, is amended by designating the existing language of subsection (d) as subdivision "(d)(1)" and by adding the following language as subdivision "(d)(2)":

(2) If a person is stopped for operating a motor vehicle upon any highway with an expired license plate, or affixed tab, sticker or other device designed to indicate valid renewal, and the license plate or sticker is no more than thirty (30) days expired from the date of the stop, then the person shall not be charged with a violation of this section or any other section prohibiting driving on an expired license plate. Instead the person shall be informed of the requirements of maintaining a current license plate and advised of the provisions of this subdivision.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.